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In the Morning the house mett according to adjournment.

(The 20th day of November 1695/)

and Present	absent /
m <sup>r</sup> Speaker	Capt George Dersley
m <sup>r</sup> : Jonathan Amory	m <sup>r</sup> ffra' Turgis—
m <sup>r</sup> Edmond Bellinger	
Doctr= Charles Burnham	
m <sup>r</sup> Gilbert ashley	absent
m <sup>r</sup> Hew Hixt	
m <sup>r</sup> John Morton	
m <sup>r</sup> : Abra' Waight	
m <sup>r</sup> , W <sup>m</sup> — Bower	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Charles Basden	
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> — Brockhurst	
m <sup>r</sup> Lewis Price	absent
m <sup>r</sup> , John Whitmarsh	
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Elliott	
m <sup>r</sup> , W <sup>m</sup> — Smith	
m <sup>r</sup> , John Ladson	
m <sup>r</sup> , John ffarr	
m <sup>r</sup> John Raven	absent

Brought into this House by m<sup>r</sup> John ffarr m<sup>r</sup> Hew Hixt and m<sup>r</sup> Abra' Waight A Bill for the asertaineing y<sup>e</sup> Gauge of Barrells and for avoyding Deceipts in Selling and buying Beefe and Porke/ Read the first Time and past w<sup>th</sup> amendments/ ord<sup>rd</sup> that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Receiver doe Bring in his acco<sup>ts</sup>= of the treasurie of this P<sup>ro</sup>vince to this house at 3 of the Clock in the afternoone

ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Bellinger doe Draw up the P<sup>ro</sup>posialls and amendments of the Jury act to present to the Gov<sup>rnor</sup>— and Lord's P<sup>rs</sup>— Deputies and Returne the same to this house at 3 of the Clock in the afternoone

The House adjourned to: 3 o the Clock in the afternoone

In the afternoone

The House mett according to adjournment

Ord'red that m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup>— Smith m<sup>r</sup> Edmond Bellinger & m<sup>r</sup>— John Morton be a Comitte to Examine the accoun<sup>ts</sup>— of m<sup>r</sup>:

Jonathan Amory Receiver, and make Report thereof to this house to morrow morning at Nine of the Clock/

According to: a foregoeing ord<sup>r</sup> of this house m<sup>r</sup> Edmond Bellinger Brought into this house the proposialls and amendments of the Jury Act as followeth

A bill for y<sup>e</sup> Better abservation of the Lords Day &c/  
Brought into this house by m<sup>r</sup> Gilbert Ashley m<sup>r</sup> Lewis Price and m<sup>r</sup> John Raven/

The Same Being Read the first Time is past w<sup>th</sup> amendments  
The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock to morrow morning/

In the Morning the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1695 The House mett according to adjournment

Present m <sup>r</sup> Speaker	absent
m <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory	m <sup>r</sup> . ffra Turgis
m <sup>r</sup> Edmond Bellinger	
Capt George Dearsley	
Doct <sup>r</sup> Charles Burnham	
m <sup>r</sup> Gilbert Ashley	
m <sup>r</sup> Hew Hixt	
m <sup>r</sup> John Morton	
m <sup>r</sup> Abra Waight	
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> — Bower	
Capt Chas <sup>s</sup> Basden	
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> — Brockhurst	
m <sup>r</sup> Lewis Price/	
m <sup>r</sup> John Whitmarsh	
m <sup>r</sup> : Tho' Elliott	
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> — Smith	
m <sup>r</sup> John Ladson	
m <sup>r</sup> John ffarr	
m <sup>r</sup> John Raven	

Ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Draw up a Petic'on to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>— the Governo<sup>r</sup> & Lords <sup>Opprs</sup>— Deputies for the abatement of Rent and Returne the Same to this house at three of the Clock in the afternoone/

The Question is put whether the house shall Resolve into a Grand Comitte to Consult whether it be Convenient to Raise money for the Publick use of this <sup>Opp</sup>vince, or not/

Caryed in the afirmative

And the house Resolv'd into a Grand Comitte accordingly and m<sup>r</sup>: Edmond Bellinger Choose Chaireman/ who accordingly Tooke the Chaire/

m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Resumes the Chaire

and m<sup>r</sup> Chaire man made Report to the house that it is the Resolution of the Comitte, that it is Convenient to Raise money for the Publique use, of this Province/

Capt James Moore and Landgrave Joseph Morton brought into this house from the uper house the answear of the address of this house Concerning the Jury act as followeth

The answear of the Uper House to the adress of the Comons Conserning the Jury act

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and Gentlemen/

We Consent that you may prepare a bill to make a New list to the Jury act w<sup>th</sup> the names of Such Sons only as we and you Shall thinke fitt to be Jury men anything in the Jury act to the Contrary not w<sup>th</sup>standing and that the present Jury act may together w<sup>th</sup> the Same Bill be againe Confirmed/ But we Canot Consent to any Alterations to the Lords directions (one of which is that the names of the Jury Shall be in Single pieces of Parchment) Concerning the Jury act it being Especially Excepted in the Governo<sup>rs</sup>— Commission

John Archdale

Signed by ord<sup>r</sup> of this house/

The Question is putt whether the house shall Resolve into a grand Committee to Consult of wayes for Raiseing of money for the Defense of the Country and other Publick uses (or not) Caryed in the affirmative and Doct<sup>r</sup> Charles Burnham Choosen Chaire man who accordingly tooke the Chaire/

m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Reasumed the Chaire

Doct<sup>r</sup>: Charles Burnham Chaire man made Report to the house that it is the Resolution of the Comitte thatt an Impost be Laid upon Skinns/

Coll Stephen Bull and Cap<sup>t</sup> William Hawett brought into this house The answer of the Petition of this House for the Remission of arreares of Rent (as followeth)

The answer of ye Councill to the Petition of the House of Commons Dated ye 19<sup>th</sup>: November Relateing to the Rents

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker

You have Reason to beleive yt (because we the Prop<sup>rs</sup>— Deputies are Equally interested w<sup>th</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup> selves and the people you represent (ye Lords have left ye Consernes of the rents and the price of Lands to be Sold to the Governor— which as we understand by him they have done w<sup>th</sup>— Restrictions and Limetations, but out of the Zeale he had to make ye Inhabitants of this Province Easie as Reasonable he, Could, he hath before yo<sup>u</sup> Petico<sup>n</sup> of ye 19<sup>th</sup>= of November 1695/ Sett the price of Lands to be Sold at little more then at halfe the price as was formerly sold wherein he hath in a nature answeared yo<sup>r</sup> Petic<sup>on</sup> for all ye arreares of rents, and ye Price Land is now Sold at, amounts to but little more together then the former price was/

When you have Considered how far he hath allready gon towards the answering yo<sup>r</sup> Desires & yt ye Lords proprietors are Considerably in Debt for ye Support and maintanance of the Governm<sup>t</sup>= which was allways Intended to be borne by the rents, we Beleive you will have Reason, to Cease to press any farther therein at this Time— it not being as he Informes us within the reach of his power to satisfie you therein, we beleive you will thinke it not Reasonable that ye Lords should Baire the Charges of the Governm<sup>t</sup> out of their Private Pursses, Since they have had Quitt Rent due to them they haveing Expended Severall Thousands of pounds as we are Credibly Informed out of their owne pursses in the Planting this Collony and have forborne the Longest of any Proprietors that Ever Settled any Collony in america from Demanding any Quitt Rents from the people/

Signed by ord<sup>r</sup> of Councill  
Tho Cary Secretary

The House adjourned Till 3 of the Clerk in the afternoone/

The House mett according to adjournment in the afternoone

a Bill for Raiseing an Imposte or Duty upon skinns and furrs, Committed to Doc<sup>r</sup>: Burnham cap<sup>t</sup> Dearsley & Capt<sup>t</sup>. Basden to be perpared and Brought into this house to morrow morning at 9 of the Clock/

according to an ord'r of this house m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Brought into this house a Petition Directed to the Hono<sup>ble</sup>— the Governor—

for the abatement of rent/

To ye R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> John Archdale Esqr Governo<sup>r</sup> & Capt Generall of y<sup>e</sup> Province of Carolina

The Humble Petition of the Commons Assembled/  
May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>/

We acknowledge w<sup>th</sup> Thankfullness the Great Care and tender affections the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup>= y<sup>e</sup> Lords and absolute proprietors have for y<sup>e</sup> People of this Settlement, and we give yo<sup>r</sup> honor our humble thanks for demonstrateing the Same to us, and yo<sup>r</sup> Continuall Readiness to doe all things that tends to the ease and good of the people and Pticularly for their Lordshippes and yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>— Condesensions in Lowreing the price of purchase Lands in which we doe not Doubt but their Lord Shippes and your hono<sup>rs</sup>— Designed a Generall Good, and we are Sorry their Lordships and yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>— Gracious Inclinations & offers therein doe not answear theires and your Expectac'ons, and the Condicons of all Psons, ffor their are a Considerable number of planters, Servants that Dayley become free and others which may arive here, that are not able to purchase Lands and the Rich onely are Capable of Receiveing the benefitt of their Lordships Benevolence/ May it therefore please yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>— that a Proportionable abatement may be made of the yearly Quitt Rent of Lands not purchased, that the poore may Rejoyce w<sup>th</sup> the Rich and that both may Joyne their prayers to God to bless their Lordshipps and your hono<sup>rs</sup>— w<sup>th</sup> Long Life and Psperity/ ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Edmond Bellinger and m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Doe Draw a Supplicatory Reply to the answear of the Councill/ A Bill to Regulate the Retaylers of Strong Liquors/ Read the first Time and past with amendments

according to an ord'r of this house m<sup>r</sup> Edmond Bellinger and m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory brought into this house a Supplicatory Reply to the answear of the Councill as followeth/

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup>= John Archdale Esqr— Governo<sup>r</sup> and Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall of the Pvince of Carolina now Sitting in the upper house of the Generall assembly And to the Hono<sup>ble</sup>= Members of the sad House

The humble Supplicatory Reply of the Comons to the paper Intitled the answear of the Councill to the Petition of the house of Comons dated ye 19<sup>th</sup>: Novembr— Relateing to the arreares of rents—

Wee ye Comons haveing on ye 19<sup>th</sup>: of November Inst: humbly Peticoned yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup> and ye Lords ~~pp~~<sup>rs</sup> Deputies as Sitting in the Generall Assembly for ye Remission of arreares of Rents in the behalfe of this poore people and in the said Petic'on, offred to yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup> Consideracon (amongst many) Some as we thought prevaileant arguments to incline yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>— to Oblidge this people in soe mercifull and Gracious a worke as the Giveing (as it were) new life and being to many who otherwise are in Danger of Inevitable ruine) but haveing Rec<sup>d</sup>— from yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>. No answear to the said Petition, but instead thereof the aforesaid Paper which allthought Intitled the answear of the Councill and Signed by m<sup>r</sup> Secretary by ord<sup>r</sup> thereof, all way mentioneth yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> in ye third ~~P~~son, as Distant and Distinct from ye Lords Deputies and Assembly and the whole being onely a Supposition of their Debilityes and yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>— Sole power in ye matter of the Petition has necessitated us yo<sup>r</sup>— humble petic'on<sup>rs</sup>— to Supplicate yr hono<sup>r</sup>— to advise and Consult w<sup>th</sup>: the honoble— members of ye upper house, and may it please yr hono<sup>rs</sup>— to take into yo<sup>r</sup> Serious Considerac'ons ye s<sup>d</sup> Petition and ye pitifull Estate of this poore people and to Give to us in their Stead Such a Direct answer thereto as may Rend<sup>r</sup>— you most Deare to us and oblige us all Chearefully to Continue our Duty in Praying to Allmighty god ffor yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup> Long Life and prosperity—

Dated the 22<sup>d</sup> November 1695

The house adjourned till tomorrow morning nine of the Clock/

In the Morning the 22<sup>d</sup> of November 1695/

The House mett according to adjournmt

Present m <sup>r</sup> Speaker	absent
m <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory	
m <sup>r</sup> : Edmond Bellinger	m <sup>r</sup> William Smith
Cap <sup>t</sup> : George Dearsley	m <sup>r</sup> ffra' Turgis—
Doct <sup>r</sup> — Charles Burnham	
m <sup>r</sup> Gilbert Ashley	

m<sup>r</sup>: Hew Hext  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Morton  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Abra' Waight  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, W<sup>m</sup>— Bower  
 Capt,, Charles Basden  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, W<sup>m</sup>— Brockhurst  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Lewis Price  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Whitmarsh  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, Tho' Elliott  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Ladson  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John ffarr  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Raven

The Question is whether the Question Consernering the Vallidity or Non Valliditye of the acts made by the Last Generall Assembly be putt at this Time or not—

Caryed in the Negative/

The Comitte for Prepareing a Bill for Raiseing an Impost or Duty upon skinns and furrs made their Report to this house that for want of Time they Could not finish the Same/

Ordered that the Comitte for Prepaireing a bill for Raiseing an Impost or Duty upon Skinns and furrs doe Proceed on the Same, and make Report of their Proceedings to this house to-morrow morning at Nine of the Clock/

ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Signe the Supplicatory Reply to the answear of the Councill, to the peticon of the House of Commons Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of November Relateing to the arreares of Rents and that m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup>— Smith m<sup>r</sup>— Edm<sup>d</sup>— Bellinger m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory m<sup>r</sup> John Morton and m<sup>r</sup> Hugh Hext Doe present the Same in the upper house Dated the 22<sup>d</sup> of November 1695/

A Bill for Ascertaining the titles of Lands and for the payment of the Lords Rents Committed to Cap<sup>t</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup>— Bellinger m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory and m<sup>r</sup> John ffarr to be prepared, and that they make Report thereof to this house to morrow morning at Nine of the Clock/

m<sup>r</sup> Speaker adjourned the House Till 4 of the Clock in ye after noone/

In the afternoone the House mett according to adjourn<sup>mt</sup>/  
 The answere of the Governo'r by advice of this house to the  
 Supplicatory Reply of the House of Commons Dated November  
 the Twenty Second 1695/

My minde is Soe fully Expresed in that which was Signed  
 by the Seciretary, by ord<sup>r</sup> of the Councill (which Could not  
 have been A Councill w<sup>th</sup>out mee) That I have noe more to  
 add but that it Looke Very Unreasonable that persons that  
 are behind in their Arreares Should have them forgiven,  
 Whereas those that have paid their Rents, may thereupon looke  
 upon it as a Great hardshipp on them whome wee have Reason  
 to Judge to be our ffriends in their Ready Complyance therein  
 and this allso would Give an Incouragement to a future neglect  
 of their Duty to us in that Respect, for I have Reason to be-  
 lieve that many that are behind in their Rents, are as able to  
 pay them, as those that have allready paid, And I Question  
 not but I shall be A Competent Judge of the abillity or Dis-  
 abillity of those yt are In arreares, and I know yt ye Proprietors  
 mindes, are not to Ruine any of the Inhabittants of this their  
 Province

John Archdale

November 22<sup>d</sup> 1695

The House adjourned 'till tomorrow morning Nine of the Clock/

November the 23<sup>d</sup> in the morning the House mett according to  
 Adjournment/

Present m <sup>r</sup> Speaker/	absent
m <sup>r</sup> Jona' Amory	m <sup>r</sup> ffra' Turgis
m <sup>r</sup> Edm <sup>d</sup> — Bellinger	
Capt George Dearsley	
Doct <sup>r</sup> Cha' Burnham	
m <sup>r</sup> : Gilbert ashley	
m <sup>r</sup> Hugh Hext	
m <sup>r</sup> , John Morton	
m <sup>r</sup> , Abra' Waight	
m <sup>r</sup> , W <sup>m</sup> — Bower	
Capt Charles Basden	
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> — Brockhurst	
m <sup>r</sup> Lewis Price	
m <sup>r</sup> , John Whitmarsh	

m<sup>r</sup>,, Tho' Elliott  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, William Smith  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Ladson  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John ffarr  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Raven

The Comitte for Prepareing a bill for the ascertaineing the titles of Lands and for payment of the Lords Rents, made Report to this house that they had made Some Progress in the Same./ but Desire a farther time to finish the Same/

The Committee for Prepareing a Bill for Raiseing an Impost or Duty upon Skinns and furrs, brought the Same into this house accordingly

A Bill for Laying an Impost upon Skinns and furrs for the Defence and Publick Use of this Country/ Read the first time and past w<sup>th</sup> amendments/

A Bill to Regulate the Retaylers of Strong Liquors Read the Seccond time and past/

M<sup>r</sup>— Speaker adjourned the house Till Tuesday next at Tenn of the Clock in the forenoone/

Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup>= day of November 1695/ }  
 The House mett according to adjournment }

Present m<sup>r</sup> Speaker/

Absent/

m<sup>r</sup>: Gilbert Ashley  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Abra' Waight  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, W<sup>m</sup>— Bower  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, W<sup>m</sup>— Brockhurst  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Lewis Price/  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Whitmarsh  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, Hugh Hext  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, Tho' Elliott  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, W<sup>m</sup>— Smith  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Ladson  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John ffarr  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Raven

m<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Amory  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Edm<sup>d</sup>: Bellinger  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> George Dearsley  
 Dr: Charles Burnham  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Morton  
 Cap<sup>t</sup>,, Charles Basden  
 m<sup>r</sup> ffrancis Turgis

m<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned the house Till nine a Clock tomorrow morning/

In the Morning the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1695/  
The House mett according to adjournmt/

Present m <sup>r</sup> Speaker	absent m <sup>r</sup> : W <sup>m</sup> — Smith
m <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory	m <sup>r</sup> ffra' Turgis/
m <sup>r</sup> , Edm <sup>d</sup> Bellinger	
Capt <sup>t</sup> , George Dearsley absent	Present
Doct <sup>r</sup> — Charles Burnham	m <sup>r</sup> : W <sup>m</sup> — Brockhurst
m <sup>r</sup> , Gilbert ashley	m <sup>r</sup> , Lewis Price
m <sup>r</sup> , Hugh Hext	m <sup>r</sup> : John Whitmarsh
m <sup>r</sup> John Morton	m <sup>r</sup> , Tho' Elliott
m <sup>r</sup> , Abra' Waight	m <sup>r</sup> : John Ladson
m <sup>r</sup> : W <sup>m</sup> — Bower	m <sup>r</sup> John Farr
Capt <sup>t</sup> , Cha <sup>s</sup> Basden absent	m <sup>r</sup> John Raven
m <sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent adjourned the House till 4 of the Clock in the after noone/.	

In the afternoone the House mett according to adjournmt  
The Question putt whether the money Raised or to be Rais<sup>d</sup>  
upon Skinns and furrs/ Shall be apropiated to any Pticular  
use or not/ Caryed in y<sup>e</sup> negative

The Question is putt whether the money Raised or to be Raised  
as aforesaid Shall be Disposed by the Generall assembly, or  
by the Comons only (Caryed that the Comons only have the  
Disposiall) 'of said money

The Question is Whether all Skins and furrs now in the Set-  
tlement, already bought Shall be Custome ffreed or not, Caryed  
in the negative—

The Question is whether an act Entitled an act to Raise money  
to be Disposed of for the Incouragement of the Pduction and  
manufactureing of Divers Sorts of Provisions & Comodityes  
of the Growth of this Pvince, Shall be Confirmed & Continued  
and Limited Equall w<sup>th</sup> the act for Raysing an Impost or Duty  
upon Skinns and Furrs/ Caryed in the Negative/  
ord<sup>rd</sup> that Doct<sup>r</sup>— Charles Burnham Draw up an answere to  
the proposialls of the upper house Relateing to the act for an  
Impost or Duty upon Skinns, and make Reports to this house  
to morrow morning of the Same at 10 of the Clock/

M<sup>r</sup>/ Speaker and Gent<sup>n</sup>—

Wee have herew<sup>th</sup> Returned yo<sup>r</sup> Bill for Laying an Impost  
upon Skins and ffurrs for the Defence and Publick use of this

Country, which is Soe Generall that we Canot thinke it will answeare the Ends which we hope you Designe it for (vizt fortification, or the Like) wee Therefore Desire that it may be addopted to that ~~particular~~ Use, and Comission<sup>rs</sup>— appoynted for the Oversight of the work and Disposiall of the Money otherwise (it may be) when it is halfe Done, no farther progress may be made therein, and then it will be, but Soe much Throwne away Those Commission<sup>rs</sup>— may be accountable to the Generall Assembly from Time to Time. Gentmen we Canot but Take notice that you would Exclude us from haveing to Doe/ in the Disposiall of the Money & due assure you that if we doe Consent to the Raiseing, and pay apart of it, we thinke it Reasonable to have our share in ye— Disposiall/ We thinke it Reasonable to avoyd an Intricate Trouble which other wise will arrise that all Skinns pay but halfe Duty that Shall be Shippt off between this and the first of may, And that all Skinns allready in Towne or w<sup>th</sup>in the Settlement<sup>s</sup> be free of Duty to be made out by oath/

We Expect that act Entitled an Act to Raise Money to be Disposed of for the Incouragement of the ~~particular~~ production and manufactory of Divers Sorts of Provisions and Comodityes of the Growth of this Province Be Continued to be in force as Long as the Imposition upon Skinns &c/and that boath the said acts be Limeted All this Gent<sup>m</sup>— we leave to yo<sup>r</sup> Consideration, hopeing that in Soe Good a worke as this is and of soe Greate Use and Reputation to this Country you will Joyne w<sup>th</sup> us heart and hand

Signed by ord<sup>r</sup> of the house and Dated this

27 Day of November 1695/ John Archdale

ord<sup>rd</sup>—that the Clerke, doe Ingrosse the act Entitled an/ act to Regulate the Retaylors of Strong Liquors/ and bring the Same to this house/

The House adjourned till nine a Clock to morrow mor'—

In the morning the House mett according to adjournmt— the 28<sup>th</sup>: of November 1695/

Present	Present	absent/
M <sup>r</sup> Speaker/	m <sup>r</sup> ,, John ffarr }	m <sup>r</sup> ,, ffra' Turgis/
m <sup>r</sup> : Jonathan Amory	m <sup>r</sup> : John Raven }	

m<sup>r</sup>: Edm<sup>d</sup> Bellinger  
 Capt George Dearsley  
 Doct<sup>r</sup>: Charles Burnham  
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 m<sup>r</sup>,, Lewis Price  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Whitmarsh  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, Tho,, Elliott  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, W<sup>m</sup>— Smith  
 m<sup>r</sup>,, John Ladson

according to an ord<sup>r</sup> of this house Doct<sup>r</sup> Charles Burnham brought into this house an Answear to the proposialls of the uper house, Relateing to the act for Raiseing an Impost or Duty upon Skinns & ffurrs

ord<sup>rd</sup>— that the Clerke Ingrosse the s<sup>d</sup> Answear/ and accordingly it was Ingrossed/ as ffolloweth

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup>= John Archdale Esqr: Governor and Capt Generall of the ~~P~~vince of Carolina and the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the (Lords ~~P~~pr<sup>s</sup> Deputies and the Rest of the members of the uper house now Sitting in the Generall assembly

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>—

The Returne of our Bill (for Laying an Imposition upon Skinns & furrs for the Defence and Publick use of this Country) yesterday to this house, w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>— additionalls thereunto, as allsoe yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> ~~P~~posialls for further alterations therein, has been all maturely Debated, and Seriously Considered by this house, and w<sup>th</sup>all modest Submission, we herein humbly present to yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>— the Result thereupon, as followeth That we Conceived it much Better to give our Selves the opertunity to Effect Something for the Publick good, with what money that bill would have furnished, then to Ordaine for that perticular of ffortifieing. Tho' nothing at this Junc<sup>t</sup>ure more necessary) for feare, as yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>= has well observed, when that is halfe finished the Comission<sup>r</sup>s— Should Informe us, the money is all gonn/ but the worke not done

and who can we, then blame but our Selves, who has thus Reckoned w<sup>th</sup>out our host? wherefore wee hope (in this poyn<sup>t</sup>) we ought to be Excused, and not to be Condemned for this our good Intent and fore sight We also thinke it very Reasonable, that we ought to have the Disposall of our owne Mon<sup>e</sup>ys, & that y<sup>e</sup> Receiver or Comission<sup>rs</sup>— Should be accountable, only to this house, if the Lords ~~Th~~p<sup>rs</sup>— please, to give any thing for the Defence of this their Country (as the King gave lately all his Rents in Jamaica to the Defence thereof) We are Satisifed that we ought not to be Curious whome they Employ and how they Lay it out. and if the present Lords ~~Th~~p<sup>rs</sup> Deputies pays a part of this Tax, this we humbly Conceive is in their private Capacityes (and not as Deputies) and Soe are one w<sup>th</sup> us, as we Represent the whole people, and in this Respect we hope they ought not to take any further notice but that we pleade as much for them as for our Selves/ As for the Takeing off all Duty upon Skinns & ffurrs that are now in Charles Towne and within this Settlement (wee cannot but thinke) will Soe farr frusterate the Good Intent of that Bill vizt to Raise money for the Defence &c/ that it will be only nominall, and at Least for this yeare wholly useless And for the Clause yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> has been pleased to add to that our Bill vizt) an act to Raise money to be Disposed of for y<sup>e</sup> Incouragement of the production and manufactureing of Divers Sorts of ~~Th~~vissions and Comodities of the Growth<sup>th</sup> of this ~~Th~~vince, and for what Else is Conteyned in the said Clause, (that is not herein before answeared) this house is not fully Resolved, and therefore if yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> thinke fitt we are Very Ready and Willing in a Conferrance (by Some members Deputed from Each house.) further to Debate thereupon in which, we, hope to give yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>— Such ample Testimonies of our Zeale, and Concurrence for the Publick good, as we hope may for the future obviate all Misunderstandings and Soe fix us in yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> Good Esteeme and Love as not to be Eradicated/

November 28<sup>th</sup>. 1695/

ord<sup>rd</sup>— that m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Signe the before answear to the ~~Th~~posialls of the upper house and that it be presented to the uper house/ which accordingly was/ presented/

Coll— Ste' Bull m<sup>r</sup> Tho' Cary and Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup>— Hawett was  
Sent by the uper house, to Informe this house that y<sup>e</sup> uper  
house Desired a Conferrance w<sup>th</sup> the whole house/  
ord<sup>rd</sup>— that m<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the house wayte upon the upper  
house Accordingly./

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of November y<sup>e</sup>: uper house Progued the Comons/

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